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TO AMEMBASSY TANANARIVE

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SUBJECT: GROSS ANTI-U.S. DISTORTIONS BY NAP

REF: TANANARIVE 1237

1. CHARGES SUCH AS THOSE REPORTED IN REFTEL THAT U.S. INVOLVED IN ANTI-MAKARIOS COUP HAVE APPEARED IN VARIOUS SECTIONS OF FRENCH PRESS SINCE AUGUST 15 AND HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO THE DEPARTMENT.

2. STATE HAS ADVISED US THAT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN, IF MATTER WERE RAISED WITH HIM, WOULD RESPOND THAT THIS ALLEGATION WAS "A MISERABLE CANARD AND WE CANNOT UNDERSTAND HOW A RESPONSIBLE NEWSPAPER WOULD HAVE PRINTED IT." WE ARE, OF COURSE, ALSO TAKING GUIDANCE FROM SECRETARY'S RECENT PRESS CONFERENCE ON CYPRUS.

3. OUR FILES SHOW NAP IS SMALL AGENCY SUPPLYING NEWS AND FEATURE MATERIAL FOR AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS. IT HAS EXISTED SINCE AT LEAST 1964. FRANCOIS ARCHANBAULT, A DIRECTOR OF THE ORGANIZATION, IS BELIEVED WELL CONNECTED IN GOVERNMENT CIRCLES. ACCORDING TO THE BEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US THE AGENCY IS SAID TO HAVE

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PROBABLY ELEMENTS OF FRENCH GOVERNMENT.  
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